

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 417

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jessie Wallace "J.W." Culberson of Franklin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Jessie Wallace "J.W." Culberson; and

WHEREAS, J.W. Culberson was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, J.W. Culberson served from 1975 until his retirement in 1989 as Chief of the Franklin Fire Department, in which position he earned the respect of his community; and

WHEREAS, a devoted worker for the city of Franklin for twenty-seven years, Mr. Culberson was also a gospel singer and avid gospel fan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Culberson was deeply devoted to his family and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, J.W. Culberson enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Frankie, and was the proud father of his son, Mike, who has inherited Mr. Culberson's legacy and currently serves as Assistant Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Culberson is further survived by his grandchildren, Sara Anne, Michael Robert, and Joanna Lee Culberson and Kirsten Mullins and great-granddaughter, Kyra Mullins; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Culberson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of J.W. Culberson, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Culberson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.